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Appellant: Davis, Bill L. et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/315,796  
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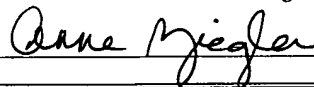
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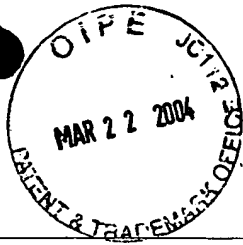
  
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37 CFR § 1.136(a) does not apply.

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